

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Lex P. Jansen, et al.

Serial No.: 10/623,381

Filed: July 18, 2003

For: **BIOCOMPATIBLE WIRES AND  
METHODS OF USING SAME TO  
FILL BOND VOID**

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) **Confirmation No.: 3194**

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) **Group Art Unit: 3738**

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) **Examiner: Willse, David H.**

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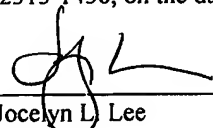
Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action, dated January 12, 2007. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a), Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, which, if entered, will place the application in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

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